



STATE OF WASHINGTON

January 14, 2006

Dear «Name»:

I am writing to request your assistance with the Washington State Population Survey.

While Washington's economy is currently strong, state government still faces fiscal challenges. To help us respond to these challenges, the Washington State Office of Financial Management and the Legislature must work together to prioritize programs and services. To ensure that we have the best facts on which to base decisions, we have asked Gilmore Research Group, an independent research company in our state, to conduct a survey of our state's population.

Within the next few weeks, an interviewer from Gilmore Research Group will be calling your home asking you to participate in the Washington State Population Survey. Your telephone number was chosen at random, and your participation is **completely voluntary**. The survey includes questions about employment, income, education, and health insurance coverage. It will take about 20-30 minutes, depending upon the number of persons living in your household.

The survey can be completed at your convenience, so please let the interviewer know if another time is more suitable for you. Your answers to the questions are **strictly confidential**, and all identifying information will be destroyed as soon as the data collection process is complete.

If you have questions about the survey, please contact Cathy Peda or Jeanne Wintz at Gilmore Research Group at 1-800-959-5456. You also can obtain information about the survey at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/sps/>.

Thank you for helping us better serve the residents of the state of Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V.A. Moore".

Victor A. Moore, Director
Office of Financial Management